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GREGG, SUNUNU SUPPORT INCREASE IN LIHEAP FUNDING FOR STATES
New Hampshire will see increase of \$2.38 million in federal funds

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and John Sununu (R-NH) today both voted for an amendment to the fiscal year 2003 omnibus appropriations act, approved tonight with overwhelming support, which would increase the total amount for federal funds available for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program to \$2 billion. The increase will result in \$2.38 million in additional funds for New Hampshire.

Senator Gregg, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, which oversees the LIHEAP program stated, “No one knows better than the people of New Hampshire how hard cold winters can be on families living on a budget. Already in January, we have been hit by near record cold and several snowstorms. This increase in funds is critical to supporting New Hampshire families and families in cold weather climates across the country. I am pleased to be able to support this increase in funding, and I will continue to work to bring the people of New Hampshire the help they need to ensure that they stay warm and safe this winter.”

Senator Sununu added, “The LIHEAP program provides critical fuel assistance to New Hampshire residents who are facing tough winter temperatures and may be having difficult time making ends meet,” said Sununu, a long-time supporter of LIHEAP. “I am pleased to continue my support of a program that is helpful to so many in New Hampshire and across the country.”

Under this amendment, the \$300 million that has been in an emergency fund for the President since 2001 would be released and converted to funds available in basic grants to the states. This money would be disseminated on a formula basis.

In December 2002, Senator Gregg joined with several of his Senate colleagues in calling on President Bush and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) requesting adequate funding for the LIHEAP program. Senator Sununu, as then-Senator-elect also signed this letter.

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